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Discoveries in the Sheep Mountains In Idaho County-Placer Claims
-Mulian Prospects-In the Pony District.

Frecial Correspondence of the Standard. IDAHO CITY, Idaho, Sept. 25—Parties in from Sheep Mountain and Seafoam districts, in the southeast corner of Idaho county, report the mines there developing into wonderful properties. Some that have been worked for a few years, and that are developed at depth, are shipping very rich ore to Ketchum, where it is sam-pled and then sent to Omaha and Denver for reduction. On Sheep mountain the ores are principally galena, but in Seafoam district, on the opposite side of a deep canyon, they are milling, carrying both gold and silver, with the white metal predominating. Owing to lack of wagon road communication, not the amount of prospecting that the country warrants has been done. As the bill has been done. As the bill before the legislature last winter providing for the construction of a state wagon road through these districts to North Idaho failed to pass, there is much talk now of Ada and Boise counties meeting and constructing one as far as Bear valley or Sheep mountain. Such a road would show the need and practicability of one through the state, and show very clearly to the members of the next legislature the advantages that would acnew and rich districts opened to furnish employment to our mechanics and laborers, create and support new busines enterprises and furnish good markets to the agricultural districts. The construction of a road by the counties above named would exempify all this, besides causing many prospectors to go into the wilds of Idaho and discover more good mines, which in ey would be encouraged to develop sufficiently to attract the attention of capital. The country between Banner and Deadwood, through which the road would pass, carries much mineral, and some very favorable looking mines have already been located. As the road would push ahead they would be worked on and others discovered, and in a short time that great mineral zone leading along the Payette river and across the mountains to Salmon river would be the scenes of life and energy. This road is the most important enterprise contemplated by the people of Southern Idaho, and it is earnestly hoped that it will be carried to completion with all possible speed.

Mining matters in this county are not

creating any excitement, still all of the mines working are paying. There are 11 stamp mills in the county, the four largest of which run both winter and sum r. The Gold Hill 25-stamp gold mill mer. The Gold Hill 25-stamp gold mill has been running without cessation for 22 years on ore from the Gold Hill and Proneer mines, and each year has been one of large profit; the Mountain Queen, at the head of Grimes creek, has been run ning since last June, and is paying. The mill has 20 stamps, but all of them have not been running, owing to a scarcity of water. The water is in-creasing now and it will soon be running to its full capacity again. The Elmira 2)-stamp silver mill, at Banner, is running on ore from 500-foot level of the Wolver-ine mine, and yielding from 3,500 to 4,500 es of fine silver bultion per week. The Washington 10-stamp mill, in Gambrinus district, is paying dividends from ore from the aurifer ous vein. The silver uch richer, but is laid aside, to be worked when roasters are erected. The Moriarity Brothers are erecting a new mill on their Bowider mine, on Elk creek. improves by development. and in the face of the tunnel, which is driving into the mountain, it is over 40 feet wide of ore that will mill from \$15 to \$100 per ton in free gold. Work has beon several prospects on Summit Flat that have every indication of being

A new Odd Fellow hall, to cost \$1,100, will be erected at Piacerville before wir

Mines Near Mullan.

Special Correspo ence of the Standard. MULLAN, Idaho, Sept. 26.—The Pay master, situated near Mullan, the west extension of the liunter, and owned by George Woolwine, George Cradick and Jack Keating was bonded for \$24,000 a few days ago to Martin Curran, super-intendent of the Morning. Although there has not been extensive developmade on this property, it shows good indication to be a twin sister to the

The Iron Daisy, situated between Thompson Falls and the Mountain house, owned by Capt. J. E. Kratzer and Kunes, is beginning to show some prominence ng the undeveloped ledges of that district. They have run a 120-foot tunnel with a depth of 10) feet and have a ledge of six feet solid walls on both sides, carrying an 18-inch streak of solid ore. Mr. Kratzer had assay made, and the ore run 42 per cent. lead and 28 ounces silver. The owners are very much elated over the new strike and

think it will widen as they go in.

The You Like, which is situated near Mulian and owned by Spokane parties, is causing a good deal of comment in mining circles in that district. They are in a ledge about 14 feet and expect to cross cut as soon as possible. They have advertised for a 4:0-foot tunnel to be run. The mine was bonded for \$30,000 a short time ago and the manager, C. L. Hathiway, is pushing work with a fuil force of men, and the indications are good for this property to be ranked among the many other good claims that are fast be-ing developed in this section of the coun-

In the Pony District.

From the Pony 1 xpress, Mr. Hallahan is working on the Banker lode, running a tunnel. There are two tunnels on this property, one 60 feet and one 30 feet, and in each a fine body of high grade ore has been encountered, assaying from 50 to 430 ounces in silver. A few feet to the northwest another fivefoot vein has been discovered carrying 200 cunces silver. Mr. Hailahan also owns the Southern Gal, and is working one shift. The largest vein yet discovered in the camp has been disclosed on this property, it being 80 feet wide, assaying 90 ounces in sliver. The Stephanite is also owned by this gentleman. For the

amount of work done on all these properwill be in shape to ship large quantities of ore on the completion of the road. When the news reached here that work

wou'd begin Monday next on the wagon road, it was unto the miner like an April shower unto a withering flower. This camp's development has long been retarded, owing to the fact that it was utterly impossible to get supplies in and the cra to market. Now that the road is to be completed without delay, many changes will take place.

QUAINT AND CURIOUS.

Two persons die every second. The kilt is doomed in Scotland.

The treasury watch is composed of 70 reteran soldiers. In Spain an infant's face is brushed with a pine tree bough to bring good luck.

European powers have claims upon nearly three-fourths of the entire area of In the town of Orneville, Me., the au-thorities cannot find any one to collect the Gown taxes.

It is estimated that Delaware farmers will receive \$1,000,600 for peaches this season, despute low prices.

Seven farmers at London Center, Me., have received for board from 175 city boarders this summer more than \$1,8.0. The annual coffee crop of the world is estimated at over 11,000 000 000 pounds, worth in first hands over \$135,000,000.

The Alaska Indian depends upon his squaw in the selling of an article. She having a better idea of its worth, fixes the price.

The world's fair power plant will be of 24,000-horse power, and will require the services of 250 engineers, firemen and attendants.

It is proposed to build a Moorish palace for the Chicago fair with a labyrinth in which everyone who enters will be hope-

lessiy lost. The father of one of the largest property holders in London is buried in a glass case on top of one of the finest buildings in the site.

And still another sleeper. It is an Ohio girl again, and she has been in an almost continuous slumber since early

A sunflower plant in the yard of a Chi-cago raticoad magnate is bearing 81 blos-soms. The plant is growing within 200 feet of Michigan boulevard. Enough eider has been made in Eastern

Pennsylvania this season, says a Reading dispatch, to fill the Schuylkill to its brim were that river to go dry.

Pachaug pond in Griswold is the prize pickerel pond of Connecticut. In one week this season 1,800 pounds of pickerel and perch were taken from it. It is a singular fact that the four states

having the smallest average of wealth, Alabama, North Carolina, Mississippi and South Carolina, are all democratic.

The United States surveying party in Alaska finds that the richest of the gold fields of the Yukon do not belong to us, but are on the British side of the line. The rather remarkable fact is noted that 8,000 places in Chicago take out internal revenue license to sell I quor,

while but 6,000 take out city hee use for the same purpose. Two large redwood trees growing side by side support the timbers and rails of a railroad in Sonoma county, Cal. It is at

a point where the road crosses a ravine 75 feet h gh. There is a man living in Missouri who has driven 48 000 head of sheep to Hannibal within the past 39 years, and he expects to keep up the same lick for 10 or 15 years.

years longer. In the country around Seneca, Kin., the woives are getting astonishingly bold, and it is no uncommon thing for the prosperous farmer to find a gaunt spec-men peering in at his door.

One of the largest logs ever cut in the state of Washington was floated down the Snoquaimia river last week. It was a fir log 32 feet long and 89 inches in diameter at the larger end.

The first large quantity of American sponges ever sent to European markets was recently shipped from Philadelphia. The lot comprised 6,000 pounds each of

two kinds of sponges from the Fiorida The fruit from the cherry laurel has been found by Dr. Krauss, of Halle, to increase at the rate of '90 per cent. at night and 10 per cent. by day, while apples increase 80 per cent, at night and 20

per cent. in daytime. In Africa when an army of ants moves for food the still forest becomes alive with the tramping of the elephant, the flight of the antelepe or of the gazelle, of the leopard, of snakes, of all the living world in the same direction where the other animals are fleeing away.

An insect which promises to be of as great benefit to Washington hop growers as the Australian lady bug was to the orchardists of Southern California has been discovered on the sound. It thrives on the hop louse, which it considers a most desirable delicacy, and by its help it is hoped that this pest can be kept under in the future.

under in the future. A famous German restauranter went into the bankruptcy court the other day. Judge of the sensations of his custemers when they learned that he owed a bin of 15,000 marks to a knacker for supplying him with the carcasses of horses and donkeys! To the ingenious question as to what he wanted with these animals the man had to answer, "Why, my cus-tomers ate them as venison."

While the little Quren Wilhelmina of Holland was out driving in company with her mother, she alighted and tried to stop a battle of snow balls between some school children, who thereupon turne i upon her majesty and aimost smothered her with snow. Indeed, they pressed her so hard, despite her declaration that she was Queen Wilhelmina, that the coachman was obliged to come to her rescue.

A British regiment returning to Eng-

A British regiment returning to England from China next month is to make the trip castward by way of Canada. This will be the first practical test of Britian's new military highway to the East across her American possessions, and the result will be looked for with much interest. Great Britain expects this route to be of enormous value in case of trouble in India and of the Suez canal being blockaded. The agreement canal being blockaded. The agreement between the government and the railroad for the use of the road was made public

last week.

Some German scientists, interested in forestry, have recently furnished information in regard to the ages of trees. They assign to the pine tree 500 and 700 years as the magimum, 425 years to the silver fir, 275 years to the tarch, 245 years to the red neech, 210 to the aspen, 200 to the birch, 170 to the ash, and 145 to the alder and 139 to the elm. The heart of the oak begins to rot at about the age of 300 years. The holly onk alone escapes this law, it is said; and there is in existence near Aschaffenburg, in Germany, a tree of this kind which has attained an age of 410 years.

It is reported that a negro employed in last week.

it is reported that a negro employed in one of the warehouses at Americus has been in the habit of supplying dressed equirrels to the good people of Americus. Nothing was known about him, and it was supposed that he was a buntsman, but some one grew suspicious, and investiga-

tion followed. It was discovered that the fellow had been killing the great rats that infest the warehouse, dressing and selling them as equirrels. Indignation does not express the feelings of the negro's customers when they learned of the fraud that had been perpetrated upon them.

The cotton worm is creating great de-vastation in many counties in Mississippi. One field of 22 acres has been entirely stripped of its leaves.

In New York city the quantity of huckleberries soid is 10 times that of any other berry. Dried huckleberries, in winter time, always bring a fair price. Oskaloosa, lowa, has a threshing ma-chine haunted by spooks, which put out the fire in the engine and abstracted tools from the workbox which four men were

It is the intention of European engineers to store the waters of the N-le to such an extent as to enable a greater extension of the cotton and sugar cancerns in that region. crops in that region.

Thirteen years ago a student at Berlin was mobbed in the streets for appearing on a bicycle. Now the German Union of Bicyclists, which has just held its eighth annual conference at Breslau, has 14,000

Coal equaling that of the finest L high Valley grade has been discovered in Bra-zil, the vein being from 4 to 25 feet in thickness. The mines are situated at and

The forest areas of Germany are returned as follows: Prussia, 6 000,000 acres; Bavaria, 2,800,000 acres; Wurtemberg, 470,000 acres; Saxony, 416,000 acres, and Baden, 235,000 acres.

A Lyons anatomist has examined the skeletons of 86 monkeys—chimparzees, gorilias and orang-outangs—and are tound diseases of the bone to be as fre-quent as in man, and of a strikingly sim-itar character. The granting of permission to the starving Russian peasantry to use the imperial forests has led to many burglaries and depradations on the imperial farm, the famishing people fighting and in some cases snedding blood over the spoils.

There is "comfortable room" in West-minster Abbey for 40 or 50 m:re perma-nent occupants. This item, from the re-port of a commission appointed by the government suggests that great min would do well to die early and avoid the

The Corsicans are not the only p in the world who believe in the evil eye, for the Turk is so affected by it that he thinks it extends its influence to whatever animals belong to him. Strings of corai are sold on the streets and are said to be a preventive against the evil.

a preventive against the evil.

It appears that the government's rain making process is a patent affair, the owner being an aced confederate officer, General Daniel Ruggies, General Ruggies' application is dated at Ausun, Texas, on February 22, 1879, and his papers were filled in the patent office on June 7, 1890. The patent is emered, "Method of precipitating rainfalls."

Joseph Howard, an employe at

Joseph Howard, an employe at Kearney's stables, St. Paul and Centre streets. Baltimore, captured a live alligator the other day which had crawled out of the sewer, and at that cerner was basking in the sun on top of the gutter plate. The reptile was about 18 inches long. No one seems to know when or how the alligator got into the sewer. It was seen several weeks ago at the sewer opening, but became freightened and crawled out of sight.

Discouraging a Wife. "Well, sir, what can we do for you today?' queried a creekery dealer in Newark of a man who dropped in the other

"You have fruit cans?" "Yes, sir."

"The price has gone up?"
"The price has gone up?"
"I onsiderably so."
"They are worth a dollar arices?"
"Oh, no! no! That would be outrage."

"Oh, her her that you to do me a favor.

"Well, I want you to do me a favor.

My wife will be in here in about an hour
asking after fruit cans. She's bound to
do up two bushels of fall peaches. Tell
her that cans have gone up to \$10 a de zen,
peaches to \$6 a bushel, and that you've
neard there was a corner in the sugar
market and an advance of 200 per cent."

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